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**JUDGE DENIES HAMID HAYAT NEW TRIAL MOTION—UNITED STATES
ATTORNEY MCGREGOR W. SCOTT ISSUES STATEMENT IN RESPONSE**

SACRAMENTO - United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that late this afternoon, United States District Court Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr. issued a 59-page ruling denying convicted Lodi terrorism defendant HAMID HAYAT's motion for a new trial. The sentencing date is set for August 10, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. before Judge Burrell.

In response to the court's ruling, United States Attorney Scott stated the following: "The United States is gratified by the court's ruling today denying Hamid Hayat's motion for a new trial. The court properly found that there was no prejudicial juror misconduct in deciding Mr. Hayat's guilt for providing material support to terrorists and making false statements to the FBI. The investigation and prosecution of Hamid Hayat has required extraordinary effort over the past two years. The sentencing of Mr. Hayat on August 10 to many, many years in federal prison will mark an important chapter in our region's unyielding efforts to protect against future terrorist attacks on domestic soil."

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